

Philad May 5-1856

Dr A. Gray

Dear Sir

I send you to day by
mail eleven impressions of lettered plates
which if correct I will go on with the printing
I shall have more from the Engraver in a day
or two & will send you proofs as soon as I get
them

Very respectfully -
Geo D. Lewis

Philad April 7 1856

Dr A. Gray

Dear Sir

By request of Mr Drayton
I forward to you 54 Proofs of botany plates,
the Engraver will in a day or two send me
certain plates lettered, which I am also
instructed to send to you, Mr Drayton will
return in a few days, but if detained, I will
attend to any correction & go on with the printing

Very Respectfully

Geo. N. Lewis

Profes A. Gray

Philad May 16/56

Dear Sir

Your instructions about
corrections of Botf. Plates have been attended to—

I have rec^d a letter from Mr Drayton requesting me
to go on with the printing for the Gov^t., & he desires me to say
that the Gov^t. paper costs \$25s a ream cutting two plates
to a sheet, it is highly sized for coloring, heavy, & the same
paper is used for the sake of uniformity on the plain plates,
he says you had better write to Lehas Magarge & Co Philad^a who
can no doubt furnish a good paper at a less price, or you
can order Gov^t. paper if you wish to, Mr Bs Felices was printed on
the Gov^t. paper there are but a few plates & only 90 copies as
I understand it—

I can print you 25 copies in two weeks & so on
to the end

Very respectfully
Geo. H. Lewis

P.S. You may get a very good paper in Boston
more satisfactory to yourself, it need not
be sized the measurement is 22 x 29

Philad Nov 25/56

Dr A. Gray

Dear Sir

I send you to day
by mail 13 plates lettered proofs —
Mr Drayton is lying dangerously ill
& I fear that he will not recover
soon, as soon as I can get the other
plates from the engraver will send you
proofs

Very respectfully

Geo D. Lewis

Nov. 28
Returned

named for lettering, Pl. 3.

Seen & returned lettered, 4, 7, 10, 22, 64, 65
80, 81, 82 88, 94, 99,

Philad 1st Jan 1857

Dr A Gray

Dear Sir

I have just rec^d your letter of the 28th ult & am sorry to say that plate 98 is printed, I will have the correction made & send you proof as soon as done, I have no authority to give out the engraving of those two plates but have no doubt that they will be given out at once by Capt Wilkes, he will be here to morrow, I received a letter from him on Tuesday saying that he was charged to take possession of the Ex works & would be here on Friday noon, I have over 50 of the Botany plates printed & should be glad to have the two drawings put in hands at once as I shall be ready to print long before they are done, will you please write Capt W. about them - the drawings are in my possession & will be given to Capt Wilkes to morrow - according to my list I have given you proofs from all the plates but four I must have made a mistake I suppose but will see to sending you the others at once

Very resptly.

Geo. H. Lewis

Philad Feb 14-1853

Profes A. Gray

Dear Sir

I have sent you
to day Prooves of seven plates on ~~good~~^{best}
Paper & Prooves of the Lettering of Plates 52, & 3
ought not the plate 3 to be a 5 you will
see by referance to your prooves that you
have a plate 3 already. I expect to get
from Mr Sangal the other plates in a few
days. I have sent to Messrs G. P. Putnam
N York by their order 72 plates 135 copies
I have retain'd 15 copies for yourself -
Mr Sherman sent me a few days ago
+ 100 Atlas Littles what am I to do with
them - I shall have your work completed
in 3 or 4 days after I receive the 3 plates in
Mr Sangal's hands

Very respectfully
Geo H. Lewis

Philad Feb 21-1857

Profes Gray

Dear Sir

I have your letter of the 18th.
I am sorry to say that plate 5 has been lettered
plate 3 & your edition printed, will they answer
I have taken the plate to the engraver to have
it corrected - is plates 52 & 98 correct & ready
to print you do not say any thing about
them in your letter I will not print them
until I hear from you - I call'd on Mr
Sherman but did not see him, his foreman
however told me that they printed but
100 atlas for you & 100 for Govt. he said
however that they would print the other 50,
it was my fault in sending 135 copies Botany
plates to Mess Putnam & Co, they merely ordered all
the plates that I had printed without reference
to any number & as you had written me
last summer that I was to print & send
to you 15 copies I thought the rest was to
go to Putnam & Co. - I will get from Mr
Sherman a copy if I can of the Govt Title & Index
& send you, there has been no new copies worked
off from the plates of Mr Brackenridges Terns

Truly Yours

Geo. T. Lewis

Philad July 6-1857

Profes A. Gray

Dear Sir

I rec^d this morning

a letter from Capt Wilkes in which he says that after the printing of the plates he has no further desire to control ~~their~~ publicity & as your plates are all printed desires that they be sent to you & Mr Putnam which I have done, it seems that Mr F. S. Stuart through whom I have heretofore received my instructions from Capt Wilkes has misunderstood the Capt^s ~~me~~, you will find in the box the remaining good copy of 4 plates which I believe completes your set if not please let me know & I will make it complete.

Very respectfully

Geo H. Lewis

P.S. I have sent your plates by Adams Express

you will get from Messrs Putnam the 38 copies of 72 plates they having been delivered to them last Feb^y I not knowing at the time that I was to send you more than the 15 copies

G. H. L.

Answer

Philad June 29 1857

Profes A. Gray

Dear Sir

I have not yet rec^d permission to deliver the copies of Atlas, I have been looking for a letter from Washington for some days giving permission to deliver the ballance of your plates, the permission I had a few weeks ago was only for the 11 copies sent to the Smithsonian Institution the paper that Mr Sherman printed the titled Index on was furnished by him, the same kind as ~~the~~ first, that is like the Govt. copies, I did not understand you to say that I was to furnish the paper, however the kind of paper he has used is that that he was instructed to use by Mr Drayton, I sent you a little bill of costs in a former letter for the getting out of the 11 copies sent to Washington am^t. \$8.00

Very respectfully

Geo D. Lewis



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